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Quarter I - Jan-Mar 1977

Data Summary Sheet

The information contained in this report incorporates data this quarter from all 44 counties who detain juveniles and whose detention facilities have been providing us monthly with the necessary figures. The data is complete for the entire quarter with three exceptions: Darlington County--March, Dillon Sheriff's Office--March, and Rock Hill Police Department--March. According to past records, these omissions would account for approximately 30 cases only and, therefore, the data still should be quite representative of the total state in regard to juveniles held. These exceptions will be updated in the ensuing reports as the data becomes available. It must be noted, however, that this information is based on the data supplied to us by the individual detention facilities and, therefore, discrepancies may exist in some figures reported within the areas of detention times or numbers of juveniles held. As observed in the earlier survey done on statewide juvenile detention practices, detention policies and reporting methodologies also differ from county to county. However, this data may be accepted as reasonable estimates within the previously mentioned contexts.

The 46 counties now include 58 reporting facilities. Two (2) counties do not hold juveniles at all. Edgefield's facility is so antiquated it utilizes another county's facility if necessary, and Calhoun has merged into the new Orangeburg Regional Correctional Center. In addition, the Easley Police Department has refused to provide us with data for the last three quarters. It was also noted again this quarter that several counties have maintained a practice of weekend lock-ups for some youth as part of probation stipulations. (These figures are not included in the detention time distributions.)



The number of juveniles who were reported held in jail this quarter totalled 1942 for the state. Only two counties (Bamberg and Cherokee) of the 44 who hold juveniles reported none held.

The age distribution of the 1942 juveniles held in detention revealed a very marked increase in numbers corresponding to age. Children 10 & under represented only 1.6% of the total. Ages 11- & 12 accounted for 6.1%, age 13--9.4%, 14--19.8%, 15--27.0% and 16--36.1%. Ages 15 and 16 accounted for about 63% of the total group. The average age for the state was 14.69.

The race and sex distribution for those recorded disclosed 834 white males (42.9%), 398 white females (20.5%), 537 black males (27.7%) and 173 black females (8.9%). The total race distribution was 63.4% white and 36.6% black. Males (70.6%) were held at a rate of almost 2½ times that of females (29.4%).

The examination of the offenses reported for the 1942 youth detained indicated a total of 2273 charges. These ranged from minor infractions of traffic to capital crimes such as murder, as well as weekend lock-ups as part of probation stipulations. For brevity, the entire range of offenses is not reflected in this report, but merely a breakdown into status and criminal offenses charged. So as not to misinterpret the data, it should be emphasized here that this refers to offenses and not offenders. These offenses are multiple in many cases, including some combinations of status offenses such as Incurability and Running Away, or multiple charges of status and criminal offenses such as Running Away and Breaking & Entering. The whole array of offenses, therefore, is considered here and should not be misconstrued to reflect actual offenders. A complete analysis of status offenders only for this quarter, which will reflect individual status offenders, will be completed and distributed shortly. However, for this time period, 596 or 26.2% of the 2273 charges were status and 1677 or 73.7%, criminal. The majority of the status offenses were for Running Away.



The detention times, as previously indicated, could only be estimated in a few instances. The range of confinement was five (5) minutes to 82.5 days, with the average length of stay 44.56 hours.

Examination of the frequency distributions of confinement times reveals that of the 1939 individual times reported, 609 or 31.4% were under 6 hours and 775 or almost 40% were over 24 hours. Of the 775 confined over 24 hours, over 26% (507) were held over 48 hours.

A brief analysis of juvenile detention data for 1976 was completed and distributed in January of this year, and adjustments have now been made with some recently available figures. The most striking characteristic of all the data collected and compiled by quarters for the year is the amazing consistencies indicated for each period. Therefore, one year's data should prove to represent highly valid predictors for the future. An examination of Quarter I data in comparison to 1976, in fact, largely confirms this supposition. As an example, based on 1976 year figures, a single quarter should average approximately 1930 offenders detained. Quarter I indicates that 1942 were detained with the projection of about 30 more in unavailable reports. The mean age never varied more than .08 last year and remains steady at 14.7 this quarter, although there appeared to be a slight shift toward fewer 16 and more 14 year olds (1976--age 14, 16.6%, Age 16, 37.7%; Quarter I, 1977--age 14, 19.8%, age 16, 36.1%). Ages 15 and 16 accounted for 65.2% for 1976 and 63.1% for Quarter I, 1977.

In regard to race distributions, whites accounted for 64.7% for the year and 63.4% for Quarter I. A slight increase in the percentage of black females held this quarter is responsible for both this small variance in race distribution as well as, combined with an increase in white females, the almost 3% increase in the females held for Quarter I as compared to the year's figures (1976--26.8%, Quarter I--29.4%).



The offense data also remains fairly consistent, indicating only a small variance for Quarter I in comparison to the year (1976--status offenses, 25.4%, Quarter I--status offenses, 26.2%).

The updated figures for detention time indicated an average stay of 46.4 hours for 1976. The mean for Quarter I is 44.5. The frequencies indicate a slight shift upward from those held under 6 hours (1976--35.2%, Quarter I--31.4%) and those held over 24 hours (1976--38.2%, Quarter I--40%).

While as researchers, we marvel at the gross uniformity and therefore predictability of the data, nevertheless it also indicates a static situation which as youth workers, we deplore as evidence that positive changes desperately need to be implemented. We look forward to these effects as should be demonstrable by future data.



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County	No. Fac.	<u>AGE</u>									<u>RACE &amp; SEX</u>				<u>OFFENSES</u> (may be multiple)			<u>DETENTION TIME AVERAGE HOURS</u> (Unless otherwise designated)								
		9 & Under	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot.	W/M	W/F	B/M	B/F	No. Stat.	No. Crim.	Tot.	Average	Range	up to						Total
																				6	12	18	24	24- 48	over 48	
Abbeville	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	12	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Alben	1	0	0	0	2	4	6	18	28	58	32	13	11	2	17	51	68	28.63	.08-10.9days	30	4	7	3	5	9	58
Allendale	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	6.54	.83-12.25	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Anderson	1	1	1	2	6	9	24	32	29	104	45	41	16	2	29	88	117	43.92	4-168	31	0	0	27	18	28	104
Bamberg	1	None Detained																								
Barnwell	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	3	1	0	0	4	4	24	24-72	0	0	0	2	1	1	4
Beaufort	1	0	0	0	4	2	11	7	15	39	17	10	9	3	12	30	42	46.71	.5-12.45 days	12	2	4	3	5	13	39
Berkeley	1	0	0	0	2	8	15	12	14	51	28	19	4	0	28	33	61	64.47	4-10 days	12	0	0	12	6	21	51
Calhoun	0	(See Orangeburg-Calhoun)																								
Charleston*	1	0	4	7	7	22	55	80	79	254	96	44	72	42	78	239	317	78.07	.28-24.5 days	48	14	11	31	35	115	254
Cherokee	2	None Detained																								
Chester	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	10	7	23	10	1	12	0	1	23	24	29.04	4-8 days	11	0	0	9	0	3	23
Chesterfield	2	0	0	1	0	3	3	2	10	19	4	3	12	0	2	19	21	39.15	.5-106.1	3	0	2	6	2	6	19
Clarendon	1	0	0	0	1	6	4	7	6	24	11	13	0	0	10	15	25	35.22	6.75-6.58days	0	8	8	0	2	6	24
Colleton	1	0	0	0	1	4	12	12	10	34	7	5	19	8	19	21	40	68.36	5min-15.25days	5	1	0	9	6	18	39
Darlington**	1	0	0	0	0	2	7	5	7	21	9	2	9	1	7	18	25	37.6	3.33-143.16	5	0	1	6	4	5	21
Dillon**	2	0	0	0	3	3	7	3	7	23	5	1	14	3	4	24	28	48.63	4-168.75	3	5	0	3	5	7	23
Dorchester	1	0	0	1	2	0	16	12	17	48	31	9	2	6	19	37	56	73.75	4-12 days	3	0	0	8	13	24	48
Edgefield	0	None Detained																								
Fairfield	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	3	0	0	0	1	3	4	81.0	3-7 days	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
Florence	1	0	0	1	3	4	12	25	38	83	45	17	17	4	25	68	93	56.2	5min-82.5days	30	6	7	11	11	18	83
Georgetown	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	2	0	0	3	1	4	5	24.08	5-65	1	1	0	2	0	1	5
Greenville	1	0	0	0	6	7	19	38	36	106	56	15	32	3	12	119	131	53.65	5min-15.3days	20	9	15	11	16	35	106
Greenwood	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	11	15	32	18	4	8	2	7	37	44	93.9	4-11 days	1	1	3	6	7	14	32
Hampton	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	6	3	2	1	0	0	7	7	28.51	2.75-120	2	2	0	1	0	1	6
Horry	3	0	1	0	0	8	12	31	42	94	55	33	6	0	40	65	105	17.8	.62-6.5 days	39	9	9	17	12	8	94
Jasper	1	0	0	0	1	3	3	3	3	13	7	3	3	0	4	11	15	118.15	24-24 days	0	0	0	3	3	7	13
Kershaw	2	0	0	1	0	4	18	6	33	62	34	11	11	6	7	59	66	24.44	3.5-9 days	34	4	6	1	11	6	62
Lancaster	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	12	5	26	10	9	2	5	9	17	26	28.3	4-120	4	0	0	19	1	2	26
Laurens	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	9	13	6	1	4	2	1	13	14	12.7	.75-60.5	5	5	1	0	1	1	13
Lee	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	14.375	10.5-18.16	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Lexington	1	0	0	0	2	5	23	17	48	95	53	27	12	3	35	72	107	53.41	.08-21 days	15	9	11	6	17	37	95



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		9 & Under	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot.	W/M	W/F	B/M	B/F	No. Stat.	No. Crim.	Tot.	Average	Range	up to				24- 48	over 48	Total	
																				6	12	18	24				
Marion	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	1	1	2	0	0	5	5	10.825	2.5-19.1	1	1	1	1	0	0	4	
Marlboro	3	0	0	0	3	3	2	9	7	24	5	6	10	3	7	18	25	9.13	.5-58.5	13	1	1	2	3	1	21	
																									(3unk)		
McCormick	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	7	4	3	0	0	3	4	7	38.36	4.5-72	1	2	0	0	2	2	7	
Newberry	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	48	48	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Oconee	1	0	0	0	1	3	2	6	11	23	16	6	1	0	10	15	25	38.98	4-144	5	2	4	4	1	7	23	
Orangeburg	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	9	15	5	1	7	2	8	9	17	23.29	4-48	4	0	0	8	3	0	15	
Pickens	2	0	0	0	2	5	11	7	19	44	27	14	2	1	9	45	54	22.53	5min.-15.3days	25	1	2	0	11	5	44	
Richland	2	11	8	9	37	50	62	80	99	356	83	27	192	54	107	331	438	27.16	.08-21 days	184	33	15	37	35	52	356	
Saluda	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	5	5	36.67	1.75-70.8	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	
Spartanburg	1	0	1	0	3	13	18	36	39	110	49	36	15	10	55	74	129	39.85	.5-20 days	21	9	21	8	20	31	110	
Sumter	1	3	0	1	1	4	3	11	20	43	21	4	15	3	17	30	47	17.92	1.42-7.3 days	12	9	8	8	5	1	43	
Union	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	3	3	11	5	4	2	0	1	12	13	21.09	9-43.5	0	1	6	2	2	0	11	
Williamsburg	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	61	24-98	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	
York**	2	0	0	2	4	3	11	17	12	49	26	20	8	5	11	44	55	42.09	1-20.7 days	26	1	1	0	3	18	49	
TOTAL	58	15	15	26	93	183	384	524	702	1942	834	398	537	173	596	1677	2273	44.56	5min.-82.5 days	609	142	146	267	268	507	1939	

\* +4 protective custody for DSS not counted in offense distribution

\*\* missing some for March



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Quarter II - April-June 1977

Data Summary Sheet

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The 46 counties now include 58 reporting facilities. Two (2) counties do not hold juveniles at all. Edgefield's facility is so antiquated it utilizes another county's facility if necessary, and Calhoun has merged into the new Orangeburg Regional Correctional Center. In addition, the Easley Police Department has refused to provide us with data for the last year. It was also noted again this quarter that several counties have maintained a practice of weekend lock-ups for some youth as part of



probation stipulations. (See footnote in the table. These figures are not included in the detention time distributions.)

The number of juveniles who were reported held in jail this quarter totaled 2212 for the state. Only two counties (Bamberg and Barnwell) of the 44 who hold juveniles reported none held.

The age distribution of the 2212 juveniles held in detention revealed a very marked increase in numbers corresponding to age. Although children 10 and under represent only 2.2% of the total, Richland County, itself, held 17 under age 9, and as young as 5. Ages 11 & 12 accounted for 6%, age 13 -- 11.9%, age 14 -- 17.6%, age 15 -- 25.3%, and age 16 -- 37%. Ages 15 and 16 accounted for about 62% of the total group. The average age for the state was 14.62.

The race and sex distribution for those recorded disclosed 940 white males (42.5%), 504 white females (22.8%), 595 black males (26.9%) and 173 black females (7.8%). The total race distribution was 65.3% white and 34.7% black. Males (69.4%) were held at a rate of almost 2½ times that of females (30.6%).

The examination of the offenses reported for the 2212 youth detained indicated a total of 2491 charges. These ranged from minor infractions of traffic to capital crimes such as murder, as well as weekend lock-ups as part of probation stipulations. For brevity, the entire range of offenses is not reflected in this report, but merely a breakdown into status and non-status offenses charged. So as not to misinterpret the data, it should be emphasized here that this refers to offenses and not offenders. These offenses are multiple in many cases, including some combinations of status offenses such as Incurability and Running Away, or multiple charges of status and criminal offenses such as Running Away and Breaking & Entering.



The whole array of offenses, therefore, is considered here and should not be misconstrued to reflect actual offenders. A complete analysis of status offenders only for this quarter, which will reflect individual status offenders, will be completed and distributed shortly. However, for this time period, 772 or 31.9% of the 2491 charges were status and 1719 or 71.1%, non-status. Approximately 6 of the latter category were awaiting foster home placement. The majority of the status offenses were for Running Away.

The detention time, as previously indicated, could only be estimated in some instances, and as noted in the table, could not even be tallied for 58 youth. This would appear to indicate faulty record keeping in many facilities. The range of confinement was five (5) minutes to 27 days, with the average length of stay 37.85 hours.

Examination of the frequency distributions of confinement times reveals that of the 2154 individual times reported, 798 or 37% were under 6 hours and 753 or almost 35% were over 24 hours. Of the 753 confined over 24 hours, over 57% were held over 48 hours. This latter group represents approximately 20% of the total juveniles held for whom times were reported.

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																		up to									
		9 & Under	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot.	w/m	w/f	b/m	b/f	No.	No.	Tot.	Aver.	Range	6	12	18	24	24- 48	over 48	Total	
Abbeville	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	54	36-72	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	
Alken	1	0	0	1	4	6	9	18	29	67	26	26	10	5	37	44	81	38.28	.08-192	17	3	10	10	8	19	67	
Allendale	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	3.25	2.08-4.42	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Anderson	1	0	1	1	1	13	26	21	40	103	64	30	8	1	31	88	119	35.76	4-192	33	0	0	42	11	17	103	
Bamberg		None Detained																								0	
Barnwell	1	None Detained																								0	
Beaufort	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	7	23	9	6	7	1	11	13	24	33.95	.43-13.7 days	11	3	2	2	1	4	23	
Berkeley	1	0	0	0	2	7	16	17	20	62	23	33	6	0	42	44	86	67.74	4-9 days	12	0	0	17	4	29	62	
Calhoun		(See Orangeburg-Calhoun																								0	
Charleston	1	1	4	7	10	28	49	81	75	255	82	60	88	25	85	226	311	82.47	10 min-27 days	58	4	14	29	45	105	255	
Cherokee	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	5	3	0	2	0	2	6	8	33.6	24-48	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	
Chester	1	1	1	0	1	4	5	5	9	26	17	1	8	0	8	22	30	12.61	4-48	17	0	0	8	0	1	26	
Chesterfield	2	0	1	1	3	7	2	3	11	28	14	2	10	2	5	23	28	25.34	.5-174.5	9	5	1	4	4	4	27	
Clarendon	1	0	0	0	0	4	5	1	6	16	6	6	3	1	13	4	17	20.14	3.02-43.17	1	6	0	2	7	0	16	
Colleton*	1	0	0	0	4	10	6	10	14	44	15	2	22	5	15	31	46	54.89	.5-186.6	6	3	1	9	6	14	39	
Darlington	1	0	0	0	0	9	11	2	11	33	5	7	17	4	20	14	34	52.9	.83-18.8 days	5	2	5	5	8	8	33	
Dillon**	2	0	0	1	5	8	9	12	13	48	17	5	21	5	10	42	52	47.1	.5-156	4	5	3	9	15	10	46	
Dorchester	1	0	0	0	1	2	7	13	25	48	19	22	3	4	27	24	51	55.16	4-17 days	14	0	0	8	12	14	48	
Edgefield		Never Detained																								0	
Fairfield	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	72	72	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Florence	1	0	2	0	5	7	18	19	36	87	44	15	17	11	28	65	93	30.94	.5-26 days	44	6	4	9	9	15	87	
Georgetown	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	10	17	8	2	7	0	2	15	17	39.4	2-141.9	1	2	2	4	4	4	17	
Greenville	1	0	0	1	3	8	13	26	43	94	43	20	28	3	19	90	109	46.7	.3-17.5 days	25	9	13	7	12	28	94	
Greenwood	1	0	0	0	0	3	9	7	12	31	15	7	7	2	5	29	34	83.76	5.5-14.5 days	1	4	1	7	4	14	31	
Hampton	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	17.75	.25-35.25	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	
Horry	3	0	1	1	2	8	28	74	157	271	185	78	7	1	90	189	279	18.11	5 min-120.22	121	29	28	27	41	25	271	
Jasper*	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	4	9	3	6	0	0	7	2	9	38.22	4-48	2	0	0	0	7	0	9	
Kershaw	2	0	1	0	3	7	20	14	30	75	40	19	14	2	20	60	80	14.59	.3-180.83	51	3	2	7	8	4	75	
Lancaster	1	0	0	2	0	9	11	8	10	40	11	16	9	4	21	19	40	26.9	4-144	11	0	0	24	1	4	40	
Laurens	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	4	4	11	5	3	2	1	3	10	13	8.89	.67-40	7	1	1	1	1	0	11	
Lee	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	7	4	0	2	1	2	7	9	22.2	.75-41.5	3	0	0	0	4	0	7	
Lexington**	1	0	0	6	6	13	21	27	36	109	63	35	4	7	48	71	119	55.26	5 min-13.86 days	18	7	6	13	28	33	105	



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		Under	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot.					No.	No.	Tot.	Aver.	Range	up to				24-	over		
																				6	12	18	24	48	48	Total	
Abbeville	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	54	36-72	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	
Aiken	1	0	0	1	4	6	9	18	29	67	26	26	10	5	37	44	81	38.28	.08-192	17	3	10	10	8	19	67	
Allendale	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	3.25	2.08-4.42	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Anderson	1	0	1	1	1	13	26	21	40	103	64	30	8	1	31	88	119	35.76	4-192	33	0	0	42	11	17	103	
Bamberg		None Detained																								0	
Barnwell	1	None Detained																								0	
Beaufort	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	12	7	23	9	6	7	1	11	13	24	33.95	.43-13.7 days	11	3	2	2	1	4	23	
Berkeley	1	0	0	0	2	7	16	17	20	62	23	33	6	0	42	44	86	67.74	4-9 days	12	0	0	17	4	29	62	
Calhoun		(See Orangeburg-Calhoun																								0	
Charleston	1	1	4	7	10	28	49	81	75	255	82	60	88	25	85	226	311	82.47	10 min-27 days	58	4	14	29	45	105	255	
Cherokee	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	5	3	0	2	0	2	6	8	33.6	24-48	0	0	0	3	2	0	5	
Chester	1	1	1	0	1	4	5	5	9	26	17	1	8	0	8	22	30	12.61	4-48	17	0	0	8	0	1	26	
Chesterfield	2	0	1	1	3	7	2	3	11	28	14	2	10	2	5	23	28	25.34	.5-174.5	9	5	1	4	4	4	27✓	
Clarendon	1	0	0	0	0	4	5	1	6	16	6	6	3	1	13	4	17	20.14	3.02-43.17	1	6	0	2	7	0	16	
Colleton*	1	0	0	0	4	10	6	10	14	44	15	2	22	5	15	31	46	54.89	.5-186.6	6	3	1	9	6	14	39✓	
Darlington	1	0	0	0	0	9	11	2	11	33	5	7	17	4	20	14	34	52.9	.83-18.8 days	5	2	5	5	8	8	33	
Dillon**	2	0	0	1	5	8	9	12	13	48	17	5	21	5	10	42	52	47.1	.5-156	4	5	3	9	15	10	46✓	
Dorchester	1	0	0	0	1	2	7	13	25	48	19	22	3	4	27	24	51	55.16	4-17 days	14	0	0	8	12	14	48✓	
Edgefield		Never Detained																								0	
Fairfield	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	72	72	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Florence	1	0	2	0	5	7	18	19	36	87	44	15	17	11	28	65	93	30.94	.5-26 days	44	6	4	9	9	15	87	
Georgetown	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	10	17	8	2	7	0	2	15	17	39.4	2-141.9	1	2	2	4	4	4	17	
Greenville	1	0	0	1	3	8	13	26	43	94	43	20	28	3	19	90	109	46.7	.3-17.5 days	25	9	13	7	12	28	94	
Greenwood	1	0	0	0	0	3	9	7	12	31	15	7	7	2	5	29	34	83.76	5.5-14.5 days	1	4	1	7	4	14	31	
Hampton	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	17.75	.25-35.25	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	
Horry	3	0	1	1	2	8	28	74	157	271	185	78	7	1	90	189	279	18.11	5 min-120.22	121	29	28	27	41	25	271	
Jasper*	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	4	9	3	6	0	0	7	2	9	38.22	4-48	2	0	0	0	7	0	9	
Kershaw	2	0	1	0	3	7	20	14	30	75	40	19	14	2	20	60	80	14.59	.3-180.83	51	3	2	7	8	4	75	
Lancaster	1	0	0	2	0	9	11	8	10	40	11	16	9	4	21	19	40	26.9	4-144	11	0	0	24	1	4	40	
Laurens	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	4	4	11	5	3	2	1	3	10	13	8.89	.67-40	7	1	1	1	1	0	11	
Lee	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	7	4	0	2	1	2	7	9	22.2	.75-41.5	3	0	0	0	4	0	7	
Lexington**	1	0	0	6	6	13	21	27	36	109	63	35	4	7	48	71	119	55.26	5 min- 13.86 days	18	7	6	13	28	33	105✓	



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### 1977 Six Month Summary and Comparison with 1976

January-June 1977

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During the first six months of 1977, a total of 4193 offenders were detained as compared to 3989 in 1976, representing an overall increase of 5.1% for 1977 so far. Quarter I, 1977 figures (updated) revealed 1981 youth were detained as compared to 1853 for the same time frame in 1976 or an increase of 6.9%. Quarter II, 1977 indicates 2212 youth detained or an increase of 3.6% over 1976's Quarter II of 2136. In 1976, the numbers detained increased 15.3% between the first two quarters and in 1977, an 11.7% increase is noted. Therefore, Quarter II of 1977 is following the 1976 pattern but with a smaller increase exhibited between quarters.

The mean age remains steady and has varied no more than .08 through six quarters of tabulations. The age groupings also remain fairly consistent both for each quarter individually or as compared to the same time frame as can be noted in the following table.



AGE DISTRIBUTION BY PERCENT OF TOTAL

Quarter	10&un.	11&12	13	14	15	16
Quarter I 1976	1.6	6.5	9.9	16.8	28.9	36.3
Quarter II 1976	1.96	6.4	9.3	16.8	27.2	38.4
Quarter I 1977	1.6	6.1	9.4	19.8	27	36.1
Quarter II 1977	2.2	6.0	11.9	17.6	25.3	37.0

There does appear to be a slight shift toward younger age groupings, however, as the percentage of those in the combined 15 and 16 year old groups has decreased about 3% compared to last year.

The race distributions have been amazingly consistent over all quarters but the sex distributions have exhibited some patterns of change, as can be seen below.

RACE AND SEX BY PERCENT OF TOTAL

Quarter	White/Male	White/Female	Black/Male	Black/Female
Quarter I 1976	43.7	19.7	30.8	5.8
Quarter II 1976	<u>46.9</u>	<u>18.6</u>	<u>26.1</u>	<u>8.4</u>
Six Month	45.4	19.2	28.3	7.1
Quarter I 1977	42.9	20.4	27.9	8.9
Quarter II 1977	<u>42.5</u>	<u>22.8</u>	<u>26.9</u>	<u>7.8</u>
Six Month	42.7	21.6	27.4	8.3

TOTAL RACE

TOTAL SEX

Quarter	White	Black	Male	Female
Quarter I 1976	63.4	36.6	74.5	25.5
Quarter II 1976	<u>65.5</u>	<u>34.5</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>27</u>
Six Month	64.6	35.4	73.7	26.3
Quarter I 1977	63.	36.	70.	29.
Quarter II 1977	<u>65.3</u>	<u>34.7</u>	<u>69.4</u>	<u>30.6</u>
Six Month	64.4	35.6	70	30

It is apparent from the above data that the female rate is continuing its growth pattern, in 1977, as was observed during all of 1976.



The percentage of male offenders detained continues its steady decline of almost 5% currently as compared to Quarter I of 1976, or almost 4% between the first six months of 1977 as compared to the same time frame last year.

The offense data does not reflect as consistent a pattern either between quarters or for the same time frames of both years.

OFFENSE DISTRIBUTION BY PERCENT OF TOTAL

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Non-Status</u>
Quarter I 1976	28.6	71.4
Quarter II 1976	<u>25.5</u>	<u>74.5</u>
Six Month	26.9	73.1
Quarter I 1977	26.1	73.9
Quarter II 1977	<u>31</u>	<u>69</u>
Six Month	28.6	71.4

It is apparent that the proportion of status offenses for which youth are charged and detained has increased, particularly rather sharply between Quarters II of 1976 and 1977 (4.5%) and about 2% between the two six-month periods. This significance will be further detailed when the report is compiled shortly for only status offenders in jail detention.

Detention times, although remaining fairly constant during 1976, began to exhibit a slight decline in the average length of stay during Quarter I 1977. Quarter II currently reveals a very dramatic further decrease of almost 7 hours for the state average. It should be noted, however, that Quarters I and II of 1976 indicate shorter averages than the remainder of that year. Therefore, to assume with some validity that detention time is continuing to decrease will necessitate the analyzation of the data for the remainder of the year.



AVERAGE HOURS

Quarter I 1976	43.65	Quarter III 1976	49.7
Quarter II 1976	43.47	Quarter IV 1976	49.23
Quarter I 1977	44.28		
Quarter II 1977	37.85		

FREQUENCIES BY PERCENT OF TOTAL

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Under 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>
Quarter I 1976	61%	39%
Quarter II 1976	65%	35%
Quarter I 1977	60%	40%
Quarter II 1977	65%	35%

A decrease in average detention time, only when accompanied with a sharp decline in the proportion held over 24 hours, can guinely indicate that youth are being removed from detention more rapidly. Comparing Quarters I and II of 1977 would seem to satisfy both requirements, i.e., a decrease of 7 hours in average length of stay and 5% decline in numbers held over 24 hours. However, a comparison of the same two Quarters last year reveals almost the identical frequency pattern, even though the average length of stay is longer. Therefore, while significant impact appears to have been made in both areas for the first time in six quarters, data for the remainder of the year will need to be analyzed to validly confirm a continuous trend. The detention report now being prepared on status offenders should also assist in determining these patterns in detention time.

Further details by individual counties concerning all areas in this report may be noted by referring to individual quarterly reports which have now been updated through Quarter I 1977. Quarter II 1977 will also be adjusted when the omitted data becomes available, although the statistical effect of the 20 approximated omissions will be negligible.



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Data Summary Sheet

The information contained in this report incorporates data for Quarter III, 1977 from all 44 counties who detain juveniles and whose detention facilities have been providing us monthly with the necessary figures. The data is complete for the entire quarter, but any adjustments due to errors in processing will be subsequently noted in ensuing reports. A report including a nine month summary for 1977 and comparisons with the same time frame for 1976 is attached to this quarterly report.

Since some question has arisen over the validity of data from certain reporting facilities, it must be emphasized, again, as has previously been stated, since these reports were first initiated, that this information is based on the data supplied to us by the individual detention facilities. Therefore, discrepancies may exist in some figures reported within the areas of detention times or numbers of juveniles held, and as observed in the earlier survey done on statewide juvenile detention practices, the definition of "detention," detention policies and reporting methodologies also differ from county to county. However, this data is the best that is available to us and, therefore, should be accepted only as reasonable estimates within the previously mentioned contexts.

Many of the counties' reporting facilities have indicated to us this quarter that the advent of Uniform Court procedures has decreased the numbers of juveniles held in their facilities particularly in counties which had no Family Court procedures before. Most of all the counties did experience a decrease in those juveniles held with significant drops noted particularly in Horry, Charleston and Richland Counties. An agreement between the Charleston Youth Bureau and the Court not to detain status offenders has resulted in a very sizeable decrease in numbers of status offenders held in Charleston. New court procedures



apparently have also helped to decrease detention time, as well as the numbers of youth detained, since this is the first time in the detention reports that a continuous pattern of decreases have been noted for the year, both in detention time and frequencies of youth held over 24 hours. This area is examined later on in this report for the quarter and further detailed in the nine month summary and comparison.

The 46 counties now include 58 reporting facilities. Two (2) counties do not hold juveniles at all. Edgefield's facility is so antiquated it utilizes another county's facility if necessary, and Calhoun has merged into the new Orangeburg Regional Correctional Center. In addition, the Easley Police Department has refused to provide us with data for the last year.

The number of juveniles who were reportedly held in jail this quarter totaled 1873 for the state. Only two counties (Abbeville and Fairfield) of the 44 who hold juveniles reported none held.

The age distribution of the 1873 juveniles held in detention revealed a very marked increase in numbers corresponding to age. Children 10 and under represent only 1.8% of the total. Ages 11 & 12 accounted for 7.2%, age 13--11.1%, age 14--16.2%, age 15--26.9%, and age 16--36.8%. Ages 15 and 16 accounted for about 63.7% of the total group. The average age for the state was 14.64.

The race and sex distribution for those recorded disclosed 807 white males (43.0%), 372 white females (19.9%), 558 black males (29.8%) and 136 black females (7.3%). The total race distribution was 62.9% white and 37.1% black. Males (72.8%) were held at a rate of over 2½ times that of females (27.2%).

The examination of the offenses reported for the 1873 youth detained indicated a total of 2217 charges. These ranged from minor infractions of traffic to capital crimes such as murder, as well as weekend lock-ups as



part of probation stipulations. For brevity, the entire range of offenses is not reflected in this report, but merely a breakdown into status and non-status offenses charged. So as not to misinterpret the data, it should be emphasized here that this refers to offenses and not offenders. These offenses are multiple in many cases, including some combinations of status offenses such as incorrigibility and running away, or multiple charges of status and criminal offenses such as running away and breaking and entering. The whole array of offenses, therefore, is considered here and should not be misconstrued to reflect actual offenders. Although a complete analysis of status offenders only for this quarter, which will reflect individual status offenders, will be completed and distributed shortly, the preliminary compilation of the data for this period indicates that approximately 433 or 23% of the 1873 total youth were held on status charges alone. For this time period, only 474 or 21.4% of the 2217 charges were status and 1743 or 78.6% non-status. The non-status categories include such reasons as criminal charges, holding for court, R&E and institutions, as well as a few for protective custody and placement. The majority of the status offenses were for running away.

The detention time, as previously indicated, could only be estimated in some instances, and as noted in the table, could not even be tallied for 58 youth. This would appear to indicate faulty record keeping in many facilities. The range of confinement was five (5) minutes to 27 days, with the average length of stay 34.56 hours.

Examination of the frequency distributions of confinement times reveals that of the 1815 individual times reported, 688 or 37.9% were under 6 hours and 566 or about 31% were over 24 hours. Of the 566 confined over 24 hours, over 54% were held over 48 hours. This latter group represents approximately 17% of the total juveniles held for whom times were reported.



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County	No. Fac.	<u>AGE</u>										<u>RACE AND SEX</u>				<u>OFFENSES</u> (may be multiple)		<u>DETENTION TIME AVERAGE HOURS</u> (unless otherwise designated)									
		9 &										w/m w/f b/m b/f				No.		up to									
		Under	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot.						Stat.	Non-Stat.	Tot.	Aver.	Range	6	12	18	24	24- 48	over 48	Total
Abbeville	2	None Detained																									0
Aiken	1	0	0	1	2	6	24	16	24	73	42	12	16	3	16	80	96	30.71	.25-5.85days	20	3	9	5	17	13		67✓
Allendale	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	9	6	0	1	2	4	7	11	18.73	3.5-31.08	2	0	2	2	3	0		9
Anderson	1	3	0	3	5	12	12	28	45	108	68	31	8	1	27	91	118	23.66	4-168	57	0	0	29	15	7		108
Bamberg	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	4	4	4	1	0	0	0	0		1
Barnwell	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	1	4	0	0	2	3	5	25.6	4-48	2	0	0	1	2	0		5
Beaufort	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	5	17	27	9	8	6	4	13	19	32	43.8	.92-13.3days	3	6	2	3	6	7		27
Berkeley	1	0	0	0	3	3	11	17	18	52	27	17	8	0	26	41	67	57.3	4-10days	13	0	0	9	13	17		52
Calhoun		(See Orangeburg-Calhoun)																									
Charleston	1	0	2	3	7	24	33	55	65	189	55	33	89	12	17	228	245	75.11	.08-27.3days	25	8	24	24	41	62		184✓
Cherokee	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	7	11	8	1	2	0	0	12	12	57.6	24-10days	0	0	0	6	2	2		10✓
Chester	1	1	1	2	6	10	3	17	10	50	11	7	29	3	8	47	55	20.56	4-168	35	0	0	10	0	5		50
Chesterfield	2	0	0	0	0	4	6	7	2	19	2	9	8	0	10	9	19	15.15	1-50.5	6	1	7	3	1	1		19
Clarendon	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	4	8	4	2	1	1	5	4	9	25.52	.42-49.58	4	0	0	0	1	3		8
Colleton	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	5	14	24	14	2	8	0	8	21	29	36.62	5min-98.58	5	2	3	2	3	8		23✓
Darlington	1	0	0	0	0	3	4	11	13	31	9	5	16	1	9	24	33	42.97	3.3-7.36days	3	3	3	8	6	8		31
Dillon	2	1	0	4	4	2	3	2	6	22	5	0	14	3	3	22	25	18.29	.58-97.84	9	4	2	1	4	2		22
Dorchester	1	0	0	0	0	5	3	11	8	27	12	9	5	1	11	17	28	67.55	4-26days	6	0	0	10	5	6		27
Edgefield		Never Detained																									
Fairfield	1	None Detained																									
Florence	1	0	0	1	1	4	8	23	24	61	34	21	5	1	13	60	73	50.79	10min-25.6days	17	7	4	9	9	15		61
Georgetown	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	4	2	0	2	0	2	3	5	54.82	.22-7.25days	1	0	1	0	1	1		4
Greenville	1	0	0	3	3	2	8	17	42	75	40	14	15	6	6	86	92	42.73	.5-15.3days	18	5	11	9	13	19		75
Greenwood	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	7	12	6	5	1	0	7	6	13	40.32	1.33-71.25	2	0	0	0	6	2		10✓
Hampton	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3	7	2	1	3	1	0	8	8	33.68	2-72.17	3	0	0	0	1	3		7
Horry	3	0	2	1	2	4	14	53	83	159	109	42	7	1	46	118	164	30.33	.17-13.45days	45	41	13	14	19	25		157✓
Jasper	1	2	0	0	0	3	1	1	10	17	7	8	2	0	9	10	19	55.05	4-144	6	0	0	1	2	8		17
Kershaw	2	0	0	0	2	12	10	15	32	71	27	12	24	8	12	74	86	24.46	.42-9.8days	45	7	2	4	4	9		71
Lancaster	1	0	0	3	0	1	11	13	14	42	27	6	9	0	12	39	51	63.62	4-21days	8	0	0	20	5	9		42
Laurens	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	3	9	3	3	3	0	5	5	10	29.38	.33-96	5	1	0	0	1	2		9
Lee	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	8	3	0	3	2	0	13	13	3.02	.5-9.83	6	2	0	0	0	0		8
Lexington	1	0	0	0	4	10	17	31	36	98	53	35	4	6	50	60	110	39.02	.7-15days	16	5	9	13	31	15		89✓



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County	No. Fac.	9 & Under	AGE								RACE AND SEX				OFFENSES (may be multiple)			DETENTION TIME AVERAGE HOURS (unless otherwise designated)									
			10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot.	w/m	w/f	b/m	b/f	No.	No.	Aver.	Range	up to				24- over		Total		
			10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Tot.	w/m	w/f	b/m	b/f	Stat.	Non-Stat.			Tot.	6	12	18	24	48		48	
Marion	1	0	0	1	2	1	2	0	4	10	6	1	3	0	2	8	10	28.26	3.33-95.8	2	0	0	6	1	1	10	
Marlboro	3	1	1	8	2	2	4	1	3	22	0	5	15	2	2	21	23	45.68	19.9-116.9	0	0	0	3	0	1	4✓	
McCormick	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	6	1	3	2	0	3	5	8	44.	24-144	0	0	0	5	0	1	6	
Newberry	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	2	8	2	1	5	0	1	10	11	8.44	.67-18.09	4	1	2	1	0	0	8	
Oconee	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	3	15.96	13.42-18.5	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	
Orangeburg	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	2	7	2	0	4	1	0	7	7	9	4-24	3	0	0	1	0	0	4✓	
Pickens	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	18	22	16	3	2	1	1	26	27	44.92	.5-9.5days	10	0	2	1	1	6	20✓	
Richland	2	5	6	6	28	44	58	76	82	305	70	29	170	36	88	288	376	19.78	.08-17.8days	165	37	23	22	28	27	302✓	
Saluda	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	1	1	2	0	0	6	6	9.09	1.17-26.28	2	1	0	0	1	0	4	
Spartanburg	1	0	2	6	9	13	24	23	31	108	36	28	32	12	25	106	131	21.67	.25-9.69days	41	18	18	6	8	11	102✓	
Sumter	1	0	1	1	2	11	9	21	18	63	27	6	16	14	22	60	82	23.76	.08-175.5	13	16	13	7	7	7	63	
Union	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	1	0	2	1	1	4	5	6.87	1.5-22	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	
Williamsburg	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	2	1	0	0	3	3	34.97	17.69-65.98	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	
York	2	4	0	0	4	19	19	24	20	90	57	6	14	13	8	88	96	7.74	.75-91	82	1	0	2	1	4	90	
TOTALS	58	17	17	43	91	208	304	504	689	1873	807	372	558	136	474	1743	2217	34.56	5min-27.3days	688	169	152	240	258	308	1815✓	

✓ This number does not include youth when detention time was unknown.

Aiken ( 6 unknown)  
 Charleston ( 5 unknown)  
 Cherokee ( 1 unknown)  
 Colleton ( 1 unknown)  
 Greenwood ( 2 unknown)  
 Horry ( 2 unknown)  
 Lexington ( 9 unknown)  
 Marlboro (18 unknown)  
 Orangeburg ( 3 unknown)  
 Pickens ( 2 unknown)  
 Richland ( 3 unknown)  
 Spartanburg ( 6 unknown)  
 TOTAL (58 unknown)



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A brief analysis of juvenile detention data for 1976 was completed and distributed in January of this year, and adjustments have now been made with some recently available figures. The most striking characteristic of all the data collected and compiled by quarters for last year is the amazing consistencies indicated for each period. Therefore, one year's data should prove to represent highly valid predictors for the future, unless some obvious intervening action occurs. An examination of Quarters I and II 1977 data in comparison to 1976 several months ago, largely confirmed this supposition of regularity. In addition, a comparison of individual quarter for two different years should reveal similar patterns, as cyclical differences are sometimes noted. The addition of Quarter III data now, however, notes some significant variations as analyzed below.

During the first nine months of 1977, a total of 6081 offenders (updated) were reported detained as compared to 5872 in 1976, representing an overall increase of 3.6% for 1977 so far. The pattern of the quarters is seen below:

	<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>	
	Number of	% of	Number of	% of
	Offenders	Change	Offenders	Change
Quarter I	1853		1981	
Quarter II	2136	+15%	2227	+12%
Quarter III	1883	-12%	1873	-16%
	<u>5872</u>		<u>6081</u>	

Quarter III, 1977, indicating 1873 youth detained approximates 1976's Quarter III. Therefore, although Quarter III of 1977 exhibits a substantial 16% decrease over the last quarter, it reflects a similar pattern as last year. It must be remembered that Quarter III encompasses the summer months which are usually characterized by lowered criminal activities.



The mean age of 14.64 this quarter remains steady and has varied no more than .11 through nine quarters of tabulations. The age groupings also remain fairly consistent both for each quarter individually or as compared to the same time frame as can be noted in the following table.

AGE DISTRIBUTION BY PERCENT OF TOTAL

Quarter	10&un.	11&12	13	14	15	16
Quarter I 1976	1.6	6.5	9.9	16.8	28.9	36.3
Quarter II 1976	1.96	6.4	9.3	16.8	27.2	38.4
Quarter III 1976	<u>2.07</u>	<u>6.5</u>	<u>10.8</u>	<u>16.3</u>	<u>26.4</u>	<u>37.9</u>
Nine Months Average	1.9	6.5	10.0	16.6	27.5	37.5
Quarter I 1977	1.6	6.1	9.4	19.8	27.0	36.1
Quarter II 1977	2.2	6.0	11.9	17.6	25.3	37.0
Quarter III 1977	<u>1.8</u>	<u>7.2</u>	<u>11.1</u>	<u>16.2</u>	<u>26.9</u>	<u>36.8</u>
Nine Months Average	1.9	6.4	10.8	17.9	26.4	36.6

There does appear to be a slight shift toward younger age groupings, however, as the percentage of those in the combined 15 and 16 year old groups has decreased about 2% compared to last year and increased that same proportion in the 13 and 14 year old group.

The race distributions have been amazingly consistent over all quarters but the sex distributions have exhibited some patterns of change, as can be seen below.

RACE AND SEX BY PERCENT OF TOTAL

Quarter	White/Male	White/Female	Black/Male	Black/Female
Quarter I 1976	43.7	19.7	30.8	5.8
Quarter II 1976	46.9	18.6	26.1	8.4
Quarter III 1976	<u>46.8</u>	<u>17.4</u>	<u>28.0</u>	<u>7.8</u>
Nine Months Average	45.8	18.6	28.3	7.3
Quarter I 1977	42.9	20.4	27.9	8.9
Quarter II 1977	42.5	22.8	26.9	7.8
Quarter III 1977	<u>43.0</u>	<u>19.9</u>	<u>29.8</u>	<u>7.3</u>
Nine Months Average	42.8	21.0	28.2	8.0



Quarter	TOTAL RACE		TOTAL SEX	
	White	Black	Male	Female
Quarter I 1976	63.4	36.6	74.5	25.5
Quarter II 1976	65.5	34.5	73.0	27.0
Quarter III 1976	<u>64.2</u>	<u>35.8</u>	<u>74.8</u>	<u>25.2</u>
Nine Months Average	64.4	35.6	74.1	25.9
Quarter I 1977	63.0	36.0	70.0	29.0
Quarter II 1977	65.3	34.7	69.4	30.6
Quarter III 1977	<u>62.9</u>	<u>37.1</u>	<u>72.8</u>	<u>27.2</u>
Nine Months Average	63.7	35.9	70.7	28.9

It is apparent from the above data that the female rate for this nine month period as well as individual quarters in 1977 is higher than last year, although for Quarter III, 1977 a 3% decline was noted over the previous quarter.

Although the offense data does not reflect as consistent a pattern between quarters or for the same time frames of both years, nevertheless it can be observed that the percentage of status offenses decreased significantly each year during Quarter III. In 1977, Quarter II reflected such a large proportion of status offenses that the decrease is much more dramatic (10%). On a nine month period, little difference is noted for the two different years.

#### OFFENSE DISTRIBUTION BY PERCENT OF TOTAL

Quarter	Status	Non-Status
Quarter I 1976	28.6	71.4
Quarter II 1976	25.5	74.5
Quarter III 1976	<u>22.3</u>	<u>77.0</u>
Nine Months Average	25.5	74.5
Quarter I 1977	26.1	73.9
Quarter II 1977	31.0	69.0
Quarter III 1977	<u>21.4</u>	<u>78.6</u>
Nine Months Average	26.2	73.8

Although this significance will be further detailed when the report is compiled shortly for only status offenders in jail detention, the estimated



433 status offenders this quarter or 23% of all offenders reflects an almost 9% decrease over Quarter II of 1977. However, a similar pattern occurred in 1976, although not quite so dramatic as can be seen below:

OFFENDERS IN JAIL DETENTION

Quarter	All Offenders	Status Offenders	Percent
Quarter I 1976	1853	587	31.6
Quarter II 1976	2136	610	28.5
Quarter III 1976	<u>1883</u>	<u>455</u>	<u>24.2</u>
Nine Months	5872	1652	28.1
Quarter I 1977	1981	541	27.3
Quarter II 1977	2227	711	31.9
Quarter III 1977	<u>1873</u>	<u>433</u>	<u>23.0</u>
Nine Months	6081	1685	27.7

Detention times, although remaining fairly constant during 1976, began to exhibit a slight decline in the average length of stay during Quarter I, 1977, a very dramatic further decrease of almost 7 hours for the state average in Quarter II and have decreased over 3 hours more during Quarter III. It should also be noted that this is in direct contrast to Quarter III, 1976 which exhibited the longest detention time for 1976. It appears that the initiation of the Uniform Court procedures since July 1 have definitely affected this area, as verbally communicated to us by many of the counties and supported by the data below.

AVERAGE HOURS - STATEWIDE

Quarter I 1976	43.65	Quarter III 1976	49.70
Quarter II 1976	43.47	Quarter IV 1976	49.23
Quarter I 1977	44.28		
Quarter II 1977	37.85		
Quarter III 1977	34.56		



FREQUENCIES BY PERCENT OF TOTAL

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Under 24 Hours</u>	<u>Over 24 Hours</u>
Quarter I 1976	61%	39%
Quarter II 1976	65%	35%
Quarter III 1976	62%	38%
Quarter I 1977	60%	40%
Quarter II 1977	65%	35%
Quarter III 1977	69%	31%

A decrease in average detention time, only when accompanied with a sharp decline in the proportion held over 24 hours, can genuinely indicate that youth are being removed from detention more rapidly. Comparing Quarters I and II and III of 1977 would seem to satisfy both requirements, i.e., a steady decrease of about 10 hours during the year in average length of stay and a total 9% decline in numbers held over 24 hours. Since a comparison of the same three Quarters last year reveals no steady decrease for Quarter III, it is apparent that some significant impact appears to have been made in both areas for the first time in nine quarters. The detention report now being prepared on status offenders should also assist in further determining these patterns in detention time.

Further details by individual counties concerning all areas in this report may be noted by referring to individual quarterly reports which have now been updated through Quarter II, 1977. Quarter III, 1977 will also be adjusted when the data has been verified through the computer.



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Data Summary Sheet

The information contained in this report incorporates data for Quarter IV, 1977 from all 44 counties who detain juveniles and whose detention facilities have been providing us monthly with the necessary figures. The data is complete for the entire quarter, with the exception of Lancaster County, but any adjustments due to errors in processing will be subsequently noted in ensuing reports. A report including a year summary for 1977 and comparisons with the same time frame for 1976 is attached to this quarterly report.

Since some question has arisen over the validity of data from certain reporting facilities, it must be emphasized, again, as has previously been stated since these reports were first initiated, that this information is based on the data supplied to us by the individual detention facilities. Therefore, discrepancies may exist in some figures reported within the areas of detention times or numbers of juveniles held, and as observed in the earlier survey done on state-wide juvenile detention practices, the definition of "detention," detention policies and reporting methodologies also differ from county to county. However, this data is the best that is available to us and, therefore, should be accepted only as reasonable estimates within the previously mentioned contexts.

Some interesting developments are noted in Richland County where the Columbia City Police Department has both refined its reporting system as well as instituted some new policies. Since mid-November recording of juveniles in detention is now being taken from the actual jail log, eliminating a past estimated 10% discrepancy in tabulating offenders actually confined. Although not all contacts on the card system were ever counted, it was difficult to screen out those confined from the total, since no recording was implemented. For this quarter,



this agency reported 246 contacts, of which approximately 155 were confined in jail. The Department also reports a new policy in regard to the non-confinement of truancy offenders and immediate notification of parents, since mid-November; and in addition, now has the utilization of the Hope House for out-of-state runaways. Thus, hopefully, a continued reported decline in offenders held in jail should prevail here.

Many of the counties' reporting facilities have continued to indicate to us that the advent of Uniform Court procedures has decreased the numbers of juveniles held in their facilities, particularly in counties which had no Family Court procedures before. This is very apparent in that this quarter, juvenile jail detention figures decreased significantly from any quarter assessed during the last two (2) years. Other factors may be contributing to this decline such as the agreement between the Charleston Youth Bureau and the Court not to detain status offenders, which has resulted in almost no status offenders being held in the Charleston Detention Center. Unfortunately, however, this quarter indicated a sharp increase in not only the state detention time average, but in the frequencies of youth held over 24 hours, both of which earlier this year had shown a steady decline.

The 46 counties now include 57 reporting facilities. Two (2) counties do not hold juveniles at all. Edgefield's facility is so antiquated it utilizes another county's facility if necessary, and Calhoun has merged into the new Orangeburg Regional Correctional Center. In addition, the Easley Police Department has refused to provide us with data for the last one and one-half (1½) years.

The number of juveniles who were reportedly held in jail this quarter totaled 1571 for the state. Only 2 counties (Hampton and Fairfield) of the 44 who hold juveniles reported none held. Unfortunately, the Lancaster reports



were not available yet, and based on past reports, would probably account for an additional approximately 40 youth or a state estimation of about 1600 juveniles in detention. This is the lowest number ever reported in the two years, at least several hundred below any other quarter (see Summary).

The age distribution of the 1571 juveniles held in detention revealed a very marked increase in numbers corresponding to age. Children 10 and under represent only 1.7% of the total. Ages 11 & 12 accounted for 4.9%, age 13--7.8%, age 14--18.0%, age 15--29.9%, and age 16--37.7%. Ages 15 & 16 accounted for about 67.6% of the total group. The average age for the state was 14.78 years.

The race and sex distribution for those recorded disclosed 670 white males (42.6%), 333 white females (21.2%), 450 black males (38.6%) and 118 black females (7.5%). The total race distribution was 63.8%, white and 36.2% black. Males (71.3%) were held at a rate of almost 2½ times that of females (28.7%).

The examination of the offenses reported for the 1571 youth detained indicated a total of 1881 charges. These ranged from minor infractions of traffic to capital crimes such as murder, as well as weekend lock-ups as part of probation stipulations. For brevity, the entire range of offenses is not reflected in this report, but merely a breakdown into status and non-status offenses charged. So as not to misinterpret the data, it should be emphasized here that this refers to offenses and not offenders. These offenses are multiple in many cases, including some combinations of status offenses such as incorrigibility and running away, or multiple charges of status and criminal offenses such as running away and breaking & entering. The whole array of offenses, therefore, is considered here and should not be misconstrued to reflect actual offenders. For this time period, only 432 or 23% of the 1881 charges were status and 1449 or 77% non-status. The non-status categories include such reasons as criminal charges, holding for court, R&E and institutions, as well as a few for protective custody and placement. The majority of the status offenses were for running away.



Although a complete analysis of status offenders only for this quarter, which will reflect individual status offenders, will be completed and distributed shortly, the preliminary compilation of the data for this period indicates that approximately 393 or 25% of the 1571 total youth were held on status charges alone.

The detention time, as previously indicated, can only be estimated in some instances, according to dates and as noted in the table, could not even be tallied for 41 youth. This would appear to indicate faulty record keeping in many facilities. The range of confinement reported was 5 minutes to over 43 days, with the average length of stay 47.53 hours. This reflects a 13 hour increase over last quarter. The individual county ranges indicate many lengthy stays for youth, drastically increasing the whole state average.

Examination of the frequency distributions of confinement times reveals that of the 1530 individual times reported, 534 or 34.9% were under 6 hours and 580 or about 38% were over 24 hours. Of the 580 confined over 24 hours, over 63% were held over 48 hours. This latter group represents approximately 24% of the total juveniles held for whom times were reported. These figures support the evidence of increased average time not only a distortion by several extra long confinements, but frequencies as well.



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County	No. Fac.	9 & Under	10	11	AGE					Tot.	W/M	RACE & SEX			OFFENSES (may be multiple)			Average	DETENTION TIME AVERAGE HOURS (unless otherwise designated)										Tot.
					12	13	14	15	16			W/F	B/M	B/F	No. Stat.	No. Crim.	Tot.		Range	up to						24- 48	over 48		
																				6	12	18	24	48	48				
Abbeville	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	3	61.5	61.5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			
Aiken	1	0	0	1	1	8	8	17	19	54	29	13	9	3	19	50	69	47.01	.17-37 days	10	4	8	11	11	9	53 (lunk)			
Allendale	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	4	4	13	4.5-17.25	1	0	2	0	0	0	3			
Anderson	1	0	1	0	1	0	14	29	31	76	45	21	8	2	13	71	84	36.1	4-168	29	0	0	16	13	17	75 (lunk)			
Bamberg	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	90	90	0	0	0	0	0	1	1 (lunk)			
Barnwell	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	6	2	4	0	0	6	0	6	27.7	17.5-48	0	0	4	0	2	0	6			
Beaufort	1	0	0	1	0	2	5	9	6	23	9	4	6	4	9	23	32	39.8	.5-8.3 days	5	2	3	2	5	6	23			
Berkeley	1	0	0	0	1	5	15	19	20	60	24	30	5	1	27	40	67	87.06	4-16 days	16	0	0	8	8	28	60			
Calhoun		See Orangeburg-Calhoun Det. Center																											
Charleston	1	0	1	4	9	15	28	44	54	155	47	18	72	18	1	192	193	106	5min.-41 days	24	6	5	19	29	71	154 (lunk)			
Cherokee	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	3	0	1	0	1	5	6	7 days	24-13 days	0	0	0	2	0	2	4			
Chester	1	0	0	0	4	6	6	12	12	40	14	4	19	3	9	35	44	25.5	4-11 days	21	0	0	11	2	6	40			
Chesterfield	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	4	13	7	3	3	0	7	7	14	22.7	1-72	4	0	4	2	1	2	13			
Clarendon	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	131.6	131.6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1 (lunk)			
Colleton	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	8	10	24	14	2	6	2	6	25	31	64.84	.42-10.04days	3	1	1	0	5	11	21 (3unk)			
Darlington	1	0	0	0	1	1	8	9	17	36	12	6	15	3	13	26	39	77.3	1.67-22.3days	6	4	1	1	14	10	36			
Dillon	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	5	4	14	4	1	8	1	2	15	17	15.8	10min.-39	6	0	1	1	4	0	12 (2unk)			
Dorchester	1	0	0	0	0	0	10	15	13	38	24	12	2	0	24	18	42	63.6	4-22 days	10	0	0	7	4	17	38			
Edgefield		Never Detained																											
Fairfield	1	None Detained																											
Florence	1	2	0	2	2	4	15	26	26	77	35	20	17	5	19	67	86	58.4	5min.-41.8days	29	10	5	6	7	20	77			
Georgetown	1	0	1	1	0	0	4	3	9	18	3	1	14	0	2	18	20	128.5	1.4-27 days	1	0	1	3	0	12	17 (lunk)			
Greenville	1	0	0	3	1	11	10	26	26	77	34	16	20	7	6	97	103	68.9	.67-28 days	13	7	8	7	10	32	77			
Greenwood	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	8	10	24	6	5	9	4	12	19	31	60.86	6.17-13.7days	0	5	6	3	6	4	24			
Hampton	1	None Detained																											
Horry	3	0	2	0	2	4	16	28	48	100	42	29	25	4	46	67	113	32.19	10min.-16.5days	37	21	6	9	7	20	100			



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					12	13	14	15	16		W/M	W/F	B/M	B/F		No.	No. Crim.	Tot.		Range	up to				24- 48	over 48				
																					6	12	18	24						
Jasper	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	6	6	72	72	0	0	0	0	0	4	4				
Kershaw	2	0	0	1	0	1	4	28	28	62	27	15	18	2	20	44	64	27.01	.5-166.4	34	2	3	4	9	10	62				
Lancaster*	1	Report Unavailable this Quarter																												
Laurens	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	5	2	2	1	0	2	4	6	11.7	3-23.4	3	0	0	2	0	0	5				
Lee	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	4	5	13.8	8.7-18.9	0	1	0	1	0	0	2				
Lexington	1	3	3	3	0	5	17	18	35	84	47	28	5	4	45	56	101	56.4	10min.-23 days	16	5	10	11	13	29	84				
McCormick	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	72	72	0	0	0	0	0	1	1				
Marion	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	4	15	6	3	4	2	4	11	15	30.7	1-8.3 days	3	0	2	8	1	1	15				
Marlboro	2	0	0	1	2	4	1	2	1	11	0	1	6	4	4	7	11	38.1	1.3-50.9	1	0	0	1	2	4	8				
Newberry	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	4	6	16	5	6	4	1	2	15	17	8.93	.34-64.7	11	2	0	1	1	1	16				
Oconee	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	41	41	0	0	0	0	1	0	1				
Orangeburg	1	0	1	0	0	2	2	4	5	14	7	1	4	2	0	16	16	32.3	1-11 days	6	2	0	1	0	1	10				
Pickens	1	0	0	0	0	4	5	2	26	37	24	7	6	0	2	53	55	38.5	5min.-11.5days	12	1	6	2	5	7	33				
Richland	2	0	6	7	8	22	51	64	74	232	69	37	105	21	81	212	293	26.61	.25-43.5 days	110	29	10	15	24	26	214				
Saluda	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	6	9	3	0	6	0	0	16	16	57.8	1.5-153.8	3	1	0	2	0	3	9				
Spartanburg	1	0	1	1	3	6	23	40	33	107	48	30	20	9	28	101	129	17.12	.33-8.09 days	44	14	17	10	14	8	107				
Sumter	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	8	16	27	13	4	5	5	8	22	30	23.02	1-89.09	4	2	8	4	8	1	27				
Union	1	0	1	2	0	1	3	4	4	15	4	3	3	5	8	12	20	18.25	.75-65	6	2	0	2	3	1	14				
Williamsburg	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	5	2	0	3	0	0	5	5	15.41	4.6-27.3	2	0	0	2	1	0	5				
York	2	1	2	5	5	12	8	17	27	77	47	7	17	6	4	77	81	10.02	4-9.8 days	64	0	3	7	2	1	77				
TOTAL*		7	19	34	43	122	283	470	593	1571	670	333	450	118	432	1449	1881	47.53	5min.-43.5days	534	121	114	181	212	368	1530				
																										(41unk)				

\*Missing Lancaster County - entire quarter  
Estimate from past reports, about 40



## JUVENILE DETENTION

### TOTAL YEAR SUMMARY - 1977 AND COMPARISON WITH 1976

The following brief summary incorporates data collected for the total year regarding juvenile detention. As noted in the individual quarterly reports, the data is based on statistics provided to us by each reporting facility that holds juveniles and some discrepancies may exist due to reporting methodologies of each facility. However, this data can be accepted as reasonable estimates within this context and should provide an overall view of the total state situation regarding juvenile detention during the calendar year of 1977. Only statewide data is presented here, although a year summary reflecting the individual counties will be compiled shortly.

A total of 7652 juveniles were reported to have been detained in all facilities during 1977 (excluding Lancaster County for Quarter IV--est. 40-50 youth). While the figures varied quarter-wise as opposed to 1976, the total year data reflected a very similar number. The pattern of the quarters is seen below:

	<u>1976</u>		<u>1977</u>	
	<u>No. Offenders</u>	<u>% of Change</u>	<u>No. Offenders</u>	<u>% of Change</u>
Quarter I	1853		1981	
Quarter II	2136	+15%	2227	+12%
Quarter III	1883	-12%	1873	-16%
Quarter IV	1849	- 2%	1571*	-16%
TOTAL	<u>7721</u>		<u>7652*</u>	
Difference between years--.89%				

\*Excluding Lancaster, Quarter IV

The percentage of juveniles detained in proportion to their juvenile population ages 7-16 is also of interest. Of the total estimated 512,519 juveniles in the state in this age group, approximately 1.5% were held in jail sometime this year, as well as in 1976.



The mean age has remained steady throughout this year as well as 1976 at about 14.7. The age groupings also remain fairly consistent both for each quarter individually or as compared to the same time frames for both years as can be noted in the following table. Generally, for 1977, the 15- and 16-year-old age groups accounted for about 1% less as compared to 1976, (64.2%-65.2%), while the 14 year olds accounted for that same percentage of increase in 1977 (17.9%-16.6%).

Quarter		AGE DISTRIBUTION BY PERCENT OF TOTAL					
		10&un.	11&12	13	14	15	16
Quarter I	1976	1.6	6.5	9.9	16.8	28.9	36.3
Quarter II	1976	1.96	6.4	9.3	16.8	27.2	38.4
Quarter III	1976	2.07	6.5	10.8	16.3	26.4	37.9
Quarter IV	1976	1.4	4.9	11.1	16.7	27.6	38.2
Year Average		1.8	6.1	10.3	16.6	27.5	37.7
Quarter I	1977	1.6	6.1	9.4	19.8	27.0	36.1
Quarter II	1977	2.2	6.0	11.9	17.6	25.3	37.0
Quarter III	1977	1.8	7.2	11.1	16.2	26.9	36.8
Quarter IV	1977	1.7	4.9	7.8	18.0	29.9	37.7
Year Average		1.8	6.1	10.1	17.9	27.3	36.9

The race distributions have been amazingly consistent over all quarters of both years but the sex distributions have exhibited some patterns of change, as can be seen below:

Quarter		RACE AND SEX BY PERCENT OF TOTAL			
		White/Male	White/Female	Black/Male	Black/Female
Quarter I	1976	43.7	19.7	30.8	5.8
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Quarter IV	1976	43.8	21.5	26.6	8.1
Year Average		45.4	19.3	27.8	7.5
Quarter I	1977	42.9	20.4	27.9	8.9
Quarter II	1977	42.5	22.8	26.9	7.8
Quarter III	1977	43.0	19.9	29.8	7.3
Quarter IV	1977	42.6	21.2	28.6	7.6
Year Average		42.7	21.1	28.3	7.9



Quarter		TOTAL RACE		TOTAL SEX	
		White	Black	Male	Female
Quarter I	1976	63.4	36.6	74.5	25.5
Quarter II	1976	65.5	34.5	73.0	27.0
Quarter III	1976	64.2	35.8	74.8	25.2
Quarter IV	1976	65.3	34.7	70.4	29.6
Year Average		64.6	35.4	73.2	26.8
Quarter I	1977	63.0	36.0	70.0	29.0
Quarter II	1977	65.3	34.7	69.4	30.6
Quarter III	1977	62.9	37.1	72.8	27.1
Quarter IV	1977	63.8	36.2	71.2	28.8
Year Average		63.8	36.2	71.0	29.0

It is apparent from the above data that the female rate for this year period as well as individual quarters in 1977 is higher than last year, reflecting an approximate 2% increase in females.

Although the offense data does not reflect as consistent a pattern between quarters or for the same time frames of both years, nevertheless over a total year, it can be observed that the percentages of status offenses for both years are identical.

Quarter		OFFENSE DISTRIBUTION BY PERCENT OF TOTAL	
		Status	Non-Status
Quarter I	1976	28.6	71.4
Quarter II	1976	25.5	74.5
Quarter III	1976	22.3	77.0
Quarter IV	1976	25.2	74.8
Year Average		25.4	74.6
Quarter I	1977	26.1	73.9
Quarter II	1977	31.0	69.0
Quarter III	1977	21.4	78.6
Quarter IV	1977	23.0	77.0
Year Average		25.4	74.6

Although this significance will be further detailed when the report is compiled shortly for only status offenders in jail detention, the estimated 2078 status offenders this year or 27.2% of all offenders reflects a very similar rate to that of 1976.



		OFFENDERS IN JAIL DETENTION		
Quarter		All Offenders	Status Offenders	Percent
Quarter I	1976	1853	587	31.6
Quarter II	1976	2136	610	28.5
Quarter III	1976	1883	455	24.2
Quarter IV	1976	1849	507	27.4
Year		<u>7721</u>	<u>2159</u>	<u>27.9</u>
Quarter I	1977	1981	541	27.3
Quarter II	1977	2227	711	31.9
Quarter III	1977	1873	433	23.0
Quarter IV	1977	1571	393	25.0
Year		<u>7652</u>	<u>2078</u>	<u>27.2</u>

Detention times, although remaining fairly constant during 1976, began to exhibit a slight decline in the average length of stay during Quarter I, 1977, further decreases of almost 7 hours for the state average in Quarter II, and 3 hours more during Quarter III, before increasing sharply in Quarter IV. However, the average length of stay for 1977 has still decreased about 6 hours from 1976.

		AVERAGE HOURS - STATEWIDE	
Quarter		Hours	
Quarter I	1976	43.65	(1848 youth)
Quarter II	1976	43.47	(2118 youth)
Quarter III	1976	49.70	(1883 youth)
Quarter IV	1976	49.23	(1844 youth)
Total Year	1976	<u>46.4</u>	<u>(7693 youth)</u>
Quarter I	1977	44.28	(1978 youth)
Quarter II	1977	38.01	(2169 youth)
Quarter III	1977	34.56	(1815 youth)
Quarter IV	1977	47.53	(1530 youth)
Total Year	1977	<u>40.77</u>	<u>(7492 youth)</u>

		FREQUENCIES BY PERCENT OF TOTAL	
Quarter		Under 24 Hours	Over 24 Hours
Quarter I	1976	60.6%	39.4% (729 youth)
Quarter II	1976	64.4%	35.6% (754 youth)
Quarter III	1976	61.6%	38.4% (724 youth)
Quarter IV	1976	60.3%	39.7% (731 youth)
Total Year		<u>61.8%</u>	<u>38.2% (2938 youth)</u>
Quarter I	1977	60.0%	40.0% (791 youth)
Quarter II	1977	64.8%	35.2% (763 youth)
Quarter III	1977	68.8%	31.2% (566 youth)
Quarter IV	1977	62.1%	37.9% (580 youth)
Total Year		<u>64.0%</u>	<u>36.0% (2700 youth)</u>



A decrease in average detention time, only when accompanied by a sharp decline in the proportion held over 24 hours, can genuinely indicate that youth are being removed from detention more rapidly. Although this pattern was indicated earlier in 1977, Quarter IV figures exhibited a sharp increase. However, for total 1977, the frequencies do indicate a 2% decline from 1976 in those held over 24 hours. In addition, for 1977, of the 2700 youth held over 24 hours, 1627 or over 60% were held over 48 hours. This would represent almost 22% of the total youth reported to be confined.

While on the surface the data reflected by the figures in this report do not appear to indicate any significant changes in the detention picture, it would be well to remember that much effort is being devoted to this area, particularly with regard to status offenders. The impact of these efforts is beginning to be exhibited, such as in Charleston, with almost no status offenders detained now, the new truancy no holding policy of Columbia City Police and the jail watches and attempts at removal of status offenders from jails by volunteer groups. In time, these trends should be reflected more fully by the data for all detention and certainly on the 25% who are status offenders. As the last report on status offenders indicated (Quarter III, 1977) only 143 of 427 status offenders were held over 24 hours of which only 70, or about one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ), were held over 48 hours. Meanwhile, the detention time average for all offenders has decreased 6 hours from last year, as well as a slight decrease in the numbers held over 24 hours.

Further details by individual counties concerning all areas in this report may be noted by referring to individual quarterly reports which have now been updated through Quarter III, 1977. Quarter IV, 1977 will also be adjusted when the data has been verified through the computer.





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In addition, as mentioned previously, the year report on status offenders in detention will be compiled shortly to assess the variances as compared to this total grouping.

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